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Michigan House Transportation Committee
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Following are comparisons required for operating the Lenawee County Road Commission for 2010.

Gasoline, average since January 1	1.98 per gallon
Diesel, average since January 1	2.21 per gallon
Asphalt cement, bid price current	517. per ton
Emulsions, bid price current	1.81 to 2.26 per gallon

1 mile of sealcoat is very close to \$ 20,000 complete
A township project estimate for a 2 inch asphalt overlay 20 ft. wide with shoulders was \$86,000 for one mile.

in 1998 the most common grade of limestone (4-11) was \$3.35 per ton
in 1998 limestone used for sealcoating (#8) was \$5.85 per ton
Most limestone products are 80% over 1998 costs.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation is trying to bring industry to the state as well as helping established business expand or stay in business. At the same time the transportation infrastructure is in a rapid state of decline. How do we explain this as a positive? Many local governments are trying to do the same.

As long ago as 6 years I attended annual legislative seminars and heard legislators testify that the funding system was falling behind the need. Nothing was done. The trucking magazine Overdrive has just rated Michigan roads as number two on the list of worst roads. WOW. The state that put the world on wheels is unsafe for wheels. WOW.

How can there be any doubt about increasing fuel taxes. The system is in place, let's use it.

Respectfully,
Donald Isley Lenawee County Road Comm.

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